

REMARKS

Please reconsider this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-22 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 12, 13, 14, 20, and 21 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly from claims 1 and 14. Claims 1-12 and 22 are withdrawn with this response.

Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the restriction requirement dated October 5, 2005, Applicant elects Group II, which corresponds to claims 13-21. Accordingly, claims 13-21 are elected for continued prosecution without traverse. Further, claims 1-12 and 22 are withdrawn without prejudice or disclaimer.


Further, by way of this reply, new claim 23 has been added. Support for new claim 23 may be found, for example, in paragraph [0041] of the specification. No new subject matter has been added by the addition of claim 23.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 13220/007001).

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Respectfully submitted,

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